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## National Gallery of Art's Free Jazz in the Garden Concert Series Returns on Friday, May 18, 2018



Jazz in the Garden at the National Gallery of Art, Washington

Washington, DC—Kicking off on Friday, May 18, the National Gallery of Art's 2018 Jazz in the Garden lineup features acclaimed musicians presenting a wide variety of jazz styles—swing, funk, hip-hop, Latin, go-go, ska, Dixieland, blues, and more. Every Friday evening from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. through August 24, 2018, the Gallery will invite visitors to find a seat among the monumental works of art in the Sculpture Garden and enjoy one of the city's favorite summertime activities. To date, more than 1,735,000 visitors have started their weekend off with the long-standing concert series.

Highlights of this year's schedule include the 12th year of collaboration between Jazz in the Garden and the DC Jazz Festival with a performance by the Michael Thomas Quintet on June 15. Visitors can enjoy new additions to the outdoor grill menu—lemongrass chicken soft tacos, Argentinian sausage, and a southwest black bean barbecue burger—as well as to the Pavilion Café's menu indoors—a horseradish roast beef sandwich, edamame noodle bowl, and citrus quinoa salad.

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Jazz in the Garden is a joint venture between the National Gallery of Art and Guest Services, Inc.

The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden is located along Constitution Avenue and Madison Drive between 7th and 9th Streets NW.

Concerts may be canceled due to excessive heat or inclement weather. For up-to-date information, visit [nga.gov/jazz](https://nga.gov/jazz), call (202) 289-3360, or check the Gallery's Twitter feed at [@ngadc](https://twitter.com/ngadc). For the safety of visitors and works of art, access to the Sculpture Garden will be limited if the space becomes too crowded.

### **Scheduled Performances**

May 18- The JoGo Project (hip-hop and go-go)

May 25- Tony Craddock Jr. & Cold Front (cool jazz)

June 1- The US Army Blues Swamp Romp (traditional New Orleans jazz)

June 8- The Slackers (ska, rock 'n' roll, and reggae)

June 15- Michael Thomas Quintet (traditional jazz)

*In collaboration with the DC Jazz Festival*

June 22- Hendrik Meurkens Quartet (jazz harmonica and vibraphone)

June 29- Josh Bayer Jazz (swing/bop)

July 6- Black Masala (ethno-funk)

July 13- The Funky Dawgz Brass Band (funk and hip-hop)

July 20- Dave Chappell (blues guitar)

July 27- Incendio (instrumental world guitar)

August 3- Son Del Caribe (pan-Caribbean salsa)

August 10- Andrea Brachfeld (jazz flutist)

August 17- 3Divas (swing piano trio)

August 24- Speakers of the House (funk and boogaloo)

### **Refreshments from the Pavilion Café**

Guests may purchase refreshments from a special menu of appetizers, sandwiches, pizzas, and salads available inside the Pavilion Café, or purchase sandwiches, sausages, burgers, and tacos from the outdoor grill on the patio. A variety of beverages, including beer, wine, sangria, and sodas, is sold on-site. Visitors are not allowed to bring alcoholic beverages into the Sculpture Garden. Outside alcoholic beverages are subject to confiscation. Security officers reserve the right to inspect all items brought into the Sculpture Garden. View the full Jazz in the Garden menu at [pavilioncafe.com/jazz\\_menu.html](https://pavilioncafe.com/jazz_menu.html).

### **National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden**

The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden was given to the nation by The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation. Designed to offer year-round enjoyment to the public in one of the preeminent

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locations on the National Mall, the 6.1-acre National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden opened on May 23, 1999. The richly landscaped setting provides a distinctive backdrop for 21 monumental works of modern sculpture by internationally renowned artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Marc Chagall, Hector Guimard, Robert Indiana, Ellsworth Kelly, Sol LeWitt, Roy Lichtenstein, Joan Miró, Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, Roxy Paine, and Tony Smith. Visitors may enjoy spacious seating and walking areas amid the native American canopy and flowering trees, shrubs, ground covers, and perennials. More information about the Sculpture Garden, including plantings, is available at <https://www.nga.gov/visit/sculpture-garden.html>

When visiting the Sculpture Garden, please do not touch the works of art. Tables are not permitted. Do not ride bicycles or use in-line skates and skateboards inside the Sculpture Garden; either walk beside your bicycle or secure it in one of the more than 50 bicycle racks available near the entrances on Constitution Avenue and Madison Drive NW. Only service animals are allowed.

### **Summer Sculpture Garden Hours and Location**

The summer hours (May 18 through August 25) of the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden are extended to accommodate Jazz in the Garden.

Monday–Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Friday, 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. (Pavilion Café closes at 8:30)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

The Sculpture Garden is closed on the Fourth of July.

The closest Metro stations are Archives–Navy Memorial–Penn Quarter on the Green and Yellow Lines, Federal Center SW and Smithsonian on the Orange, Silver, and Blue Lines, and Judiciary Square on the Red Line.

The closest Metro bus stops are at 7th Street and Constitution Avenue NW on the 30, 74, and X1 bus lines, and 7th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW on the 79 bus line.

The DC Circulator Bus stops at 4th Street and Madison Drive NW, and at 7th Street and Madison Drive NW, next to the entrance to the Sculpture Garden.

### **Press Contact:**

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### **General Information**

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The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are at all times free to the public. They are located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets at Constitution Avenue NW, and are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. For information call (202) 737-4215 or visit the Gallery's Web site at [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov). Follow the Gallery on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt](http://www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt), Twitter at [www.twitter.com/ngadc](http://www.twitter.com/ngadc), and Instagram at <http://instagram.com/ngadc>.

Visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection upon entering. Checkrooms are free of charge and located at each entrance. Luggage and other oversized bags must be presented at the 4th Street entrances to the East or West Building to permit x-ray screening and must be deposited in the checkrooms at those entrances. For the safety of visitors and the works of art, nothing may be carried into the Gallery on a visitor's back. Any bag or other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in some other manner must be left in the checkrooms. Items larger than 17 by 26 inches cannot be accepted by the Gallery or its checkrooms.

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